

Deep Water Ports.
The growing interest in deep water ports and cheap transportation by water, gives added importance to the building up of the city of La Porte, Texas. The high, dry ground of La Porte is in direct contrast with the greater portion of the Mexican Gulf Coast. Malaria, malaria and fevers are unknown. La Porte is to be formally "opened" and introduced to the public February 14 to 17, when it is expected a great crowd of Northern and Texas people will be on hand to inspect the much talked of new seaport of the Gulf. So great is the interest shown that the American Land Co., 188 Madison St., Chicago, acting as Northern Manager, is deluged with letters of inquiry.

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CURRENT TOPICS

ROBERT BURNS DAY.
Robert Burns died 104 years ago, and yet people are still keeping his birthday as one of the great feasts of the year. There is no other poet who is so remembered. On this face, this immortality of Robert Burns in the popular heart is a strange thing. There have been other poets far greater than he, though he is, of course, one of the foremost representatives of English literature. He was neither a warrior nor a statesman. He had no influence, as the world measures influence. Poor, obscure till his work brought him to public notice, not even master of himself, a man who violated most of the conventions of his day, he is, nevertheless, held more than a hundred years after his death, in affectionate remembrance by millions of people, many of whom have probably not read a line of his poetry.

THE CARTER CASE AGAIN.
The United States Court of Appeals of New York has just refused to interfere in the Carter case, and dismissed the petition for a writ of habeas corpus. This ought to end the effort to save Carter from punishment for the crimes of which he has been found guilty by military tribunal. The court holds that the court-martial had jurisdiction, and decides that "it is not the office of a writ of habeas corpus to perform the functions of a writ of error in reviewing the judgment of a court-martial." Capt. Carter has already paid the fine imposed upon him. Now he will have to submit to an imprisonment of six years, unless, indeed, some other scheme can be devised for thwarting justice.

VOTING IN CUBA.
The approaching elections in Cuba, the first steps toward self-government to be taken, lend special interest to the views expressed by Gen. Ludlow, whose ability has been demonstrated by his administration of the city of Havana. The general sympathizes with the Cuban aspirations, and believes that in the course of time that island will have as stable and responsible a government as any country in the world. But he holds that this condition cannot be reached in the immediate future. The percentage of illiteracy is too high, being estimated at 75 to 80, and the people are not habituated to self-control and a reign of law.

END OF ROBERTS CASE.
By the overwhelming vote of 268 to 50 Representative-elect Roberts was excluded from the house of representatives. The resolution of the majority of the Taylor committee was adopted, and it read as follows: "That under the facts and circumstances of the case of Brigham H. Roberts, representative-elect from the state of Utah, ought not to have or hold a seat in the house of representatives, and that the seat to which he was elected is hereby declared vacant." Mr. Roberts is probably without remedy. The long contest is over, and the case is settled.

THE WEATHER BUREAU BILL.
A bill has been introduced in congress providing for the reorganization and improvement of the weather bureau, which has many admirable features. It places the bureau entirely on the merit basis, provides for permanency of tenure, for the creation of a retiring fund, and for the compulsory retirement of men in the service attaining the age of 65. The weather bureau is a most valuable feature of the government service, and the men that give their life to the work are entitled to recognition.

TO BE REVIVED.
The so-called "national democratic" committee has been called to meet with a view of setting a date for its national convention. Leaders of the party are talking of making a campaign, and S. H. Bashor of Iowa claims that Mr. Bates will be the party's nominee. Palmer of Illinois and Buckner of Kentucky were the candidates in 1896, when the party polled 131,000 votes out of more than 12,000,000 that went to the republican and democratic parties.

Agassiz's History.
Now that the announcement is made that Agassiz is writing a war history one can readily see why he has kept up the fight against American authority. He was merely endeavoring to acquire the reputation and notoriety that would make him acceptable as a contributor to the magazine—Chicago Post.

LIES ABOUT BRYAN.

MANUFACTURED BY THE REPUBLICAN EDITORS.

His Drawing of the Line Between "Imperialism" and Legitimate Expansion Has Brought Out a Fresh Crop of Misrepresentations.

All of the Republican organs take special delight in misquoting and misinterpreting the language used by Democratic leaders on every occasion. As we move along further in the campaign, there will be enough scripture misquoted and falsehoods uttered under the guise of truth, to deceive even the elect. Mr. Bryan is a man who has been more misquoted and deliberately lied about than any other man in the country. The fact that nothing can be urged against him, either as a statesman or a man ought to be conclusive evidence in his favor. Referring to this matter the Buffalo Evening Times says:

"Some of the Republican papers are seizing upon Mr. Bryan's latest utterance declaring that he is for a certain kind of expansion, an expansion that has no elements of imperialism, as an indication that he is 'hedging,' so to speak, on this issue.
There is nothing new in what Mr. Bryan has recently said. He has declared himself in the same way upon many occasions before. He is perfectly consistent in the matter. He never was an anti-expansionist in any proper sense of the word. But he always has been and always will be an anti-imperialist. And it is where expansion takes on the form of imperialism that he draws the line."

A REPUBLICAN SCHEME.

Senator Jones of Arkansas, in a recent interview, alluding to the duplicity of the Republican party, says:

"Democratic leaders do not expect to see any anti-trust legislation put through the present congress. According to the lights before them, the Republican program seems to be to quietly suppress all efforts toward substantial anti-trust legislation, or, if anything at all is put through, to enact some meaningless bill just before adjournment—something they know will not stand the test of the courts and will, therefore, satisfy the trust people, but which cannot be passed upon by the courts until after the presidential election. It is more probable, however, that they will do nothing in congress, but will fortify themselves for the campaign by putting into their platform the strongest kind of an anti-trust declaration. They will, if they can find the language to frame it, have a plank more strongly anti-trust than that of the democrats themselves.
"The utterances of Republican leaders in the house—Grosvenor, Hepburn and others—indicate a purpose to claim all the credit for the Sherman law and to attempt nothing in the way of further legislation. Any effort on their part to legislate would, they fear, stir up strife among their own forces. It is their policy, therefore, to let well enough alone and trust to their platform declaration to carry them through the campaign that is sure to be waged against their party as the party of trusts."

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

By government ownership is not meant here that the government owns anything, for it does not. On the contrary, everything practically owns the government. This is the difficulty and it is the problem to be solved. Before the government can own anything, it is plainly necessary to get it away from those who do own it. We do not agree with the Los Angeles Herald that "the Republican party is not only in possession of all the machinery of government, all the great corporations, all the powerful agencies which have fastened themselves upon the people, but it has the army, which it will not scruple to use if it finds itself driven to the last ditch by an indignant, outraged people."

All these things own the Republican party, and the Republican party owns the government as above specified. There are some things which the Republican party are ashamed to own, but they assume the control of them for the purposes of user only. The Herald furnishes a list of these elements:
"The Republican party has most of the great newspapers, which are subsidized to advocate its revolutionary measures. And still worse and more humiliating to us as a people, the administration has the British government as an active and open ally in its 'criminal aggression' and colonial policy, as well as in its financial policy."

REPEATING HISTORY.

President Jackson opposed a national bank that would stand between the people and the national treasury; the issue of paper money as currency and the control of the government deposits. He deemed the bank unnecessary and a power dangerous to the independent action of the government and of the people. He insisted that the transaction of the government be in gold and silver as the only constitutional money. He withdrew the government deposits from the banks and placed them in the subtreasuries which congress created. The money power was beaten at every point. But Jackson warned the people that it would again come to the front, and his warning has been verified.
What are the conditions today? The

national administration is favoring a law which will place the currency-issuing power in the hands of the banks. A "pet bank" has been designated to receive government funds on deposit. This bank is to be enlarged and placed on intimate relations with the federal treasury, while a movement is on foot to repeal the law under which United States subtreasuries exist, and thus compel a return of all government deposits to the banks. In brief, the money power, now after the lapse of sixty years, hopes to accomplish under President McKinley almost precisely what it attempted and failed to do during the administration of Andrew Jackson.—Denver News.

"DEMOCRACY WILL WIN."

"It is Democracy's year to triumph." Wherefore not? Listen to the Verdict: "Think what the trusts have done? They have closed mills. They have thrown men out of work. Notably—and disastrously for McKinley hopes to come—they have cast idly loose, as commercial help not wanted, an army corps of 37,000 commercial travelers. Think what a thunderbolt of political war these 37,000 'drummers' are like to prove against Republicanism! The trusts have pared wages to the laborer. They have put up the prices to the public. Not one man in the land but has felt them gnawing at his substance. Look about you and behold in sundry instances the work of trusts."

"Standard Oil outrages in Coeur d'Alene gave Idaho to the Democracy. The Standard Oil bribe of \$400,000 offered Monett; Standard Oil defeats Monett (or renomination as Ohio's attorney-general); Standard Oil closing the door of Cooper Institute to prevent Monett's denunciation of trusts; bribes, gags, lawlessness, in the name of the law, and free speech murdered. Are these not due to have effect for Democratic good?"

TRUST GREED.

"The rapidity with which the trusts are strengthening themselves and absorbing the wealth of the country will soon place them beyond the reach of the people. They now add hundreds of millions to their wealth every day, and make presidents, for none can doubt, in spite of McKinley's mild disapproval of the trusts in his message, that Mr. Hanna, who made him president, is the agent of the trusts and put McKinley in the White House because he thinks he can use him there. The trusts are rapidly strengthening their grip on the money power of the government, and, as they very recently have shown, can now cause panics that will crush their enemies and sweep out of existence all who dare oppose them. They are a hundredfold more powerful than they were two years ago, and a hundredfold more grasping, arbitrary and tyrannical. It will be no easy matter for the people to crush them now. It will be well nigh impossible to do so by the ordinary process of law two or three years hence."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

JOHN HAY.

Secretary of State Hay is a misfit. There is nothing of the American about him. He is all English, although he came from Pike county in this state. He is ashamed of the fact that he ever lived in Pike, and so are the Pike county people. He has held office all his life, married a fortune and apes the English aristocracy. While he has been a steady officeholder, it has always been by appointment. He never lived in a community that would have elected him constable. He represents nothing on the earth, in the earth or above the earth. He has no more conception of what Americanism is than does the sultan of Sulu. He never hustled at the polls, never carried a torch, never participated in an election row. He never did anything, in fact, to bring him in contact with the people and never examined the springs that move men. His political ideas were gained first as a fop to the great, next as an associate of foreigners. Such is the man in whose hands the foreign affairs of the great American people are placed.

DEMOCRATIC PHILIPPINE POLICY.

It has often been asked, "What is the policy of the Democratic party on the Philippine question?" It ought not to be difficult to discover that policy, for it has been stated again and again by the Democratic leaders in congress and elsewhere. The Cairo Argus says the sentiment of the Democrats in congress is shown in the fewest words and in the clearest language in the resolution offered by Congressman McKee of Arkansas, and which reads as follows: "Be it resolved, etc., that the United States hereby declare that their purpose in acquiring jurisdiction and control over the Philippine Islands was, and is, to secure to the inhabitants thereof, as soon as practicable, after the suppression of the existing rebellion therein, a free, independent, stable government, republican in form, and that the United States guarantee to said inhabitants protection against all foreign invasion."

Ex-Senator Edmunds, although an anti-expansionist, says he recognizes the fact that the United States has expanded, but suggests that it shouldn't do so any more. No, it will not—that is, not until the next time, and then Senator Edmunds and the others will all shout: "Well, it is done and can't be helped." Nobody seems to be aware that there is a preventive remedy.

USELESS CONDEMNATION.

It is useless and absurd for the Chicago Tribune or any other McKinley organ to cast any blame upon or impute any wrongdoing to the acts of Secretary Gage in turning over the contents of the United States treasury to a pet bank. The whole and constant aim of the Republican press has been to bring about just such a condition of affairs, and now that it has been accomplished they feel aggrieved, not because it is wrong and a deliberate embezzlement of the people's money, but because it furnishes the Democratic party with campaign ammunition.

"There was a disposition in many quarters to let the curtain fall upon the acts of the treasury department with reference to the recent stock panic in Wall street, and to draw the mantle of charity around Secretary Gage's official measures with reference thereto. Whatever opinion the people may have had as to the wisdom of those measures it was admitted by candid men that Mr. Gage had been actuated by unselfish motives. That opinion remains unchanged. Mr. Gage's personal and official integrity in private or public acts cannot be assailed successfully among the people who know him.

"It must be said, however, that in responding to the Democratic resolution calling for information in regard to the relations of the treasury department to the Standard Oil bank, he has put some ugly weapons in the hands of his enemies."

In other words, "Mr. Gage is a good man, but gave up too much to the enemies of the administration when he told the truth." We do not believe that Mr. Gage is a common hold-up or even a magnificent train robber, but nobody can be made to believe that he was suffering from "unsophisticated guilelessness," as the Tribune puts it. We have too much faith in Mr. McKinley's common sense to put a confirmed idiot in the treasury department.

REPUBLICAN OBJECTS.

The average American citizen is, when he contemplates the plans of the republican administration, astounded at the innovations it proposes to make in our system of government and can hardly believe that President McKinley is in earnest in the policy which he openly advocates or secretly inaugurates. He proposes the following:

- First—A large standing army.
 - Second—An alliance with Great Britain.
 - Third—The encouragement of trusts.
 - Fourth—The abolition of all money but gold and national bank notes.
 - Fifth—The holding in subjugation by military force a foreign nation whose people desire their freedom.
 - Sixth—The abandonment of the Monroe doctrine.
 - Seventh—The sanction of slavery and polygamy in the Philippines.
 - Eighth—The payment of the national debt in gold in spite of the contract on the face of the bonds.
 - Ninth—The aiding of England in her efforts to make the Transvaal an English dependency.
 - Tenth—The controlling of local elections by use of the military.
- All these objects on the part of the administration are either openly declared or are being quietly pushed forward, and cannot be denied. It seems hardly worth while to mention that they are all contrary to the spirit of the constitution and to the teachings of the fathers. They are not in harmony with a republican form of government and are in opposition to fairness, common sense and good government. Will the American people submit? We shall see.—Illinois Press Bulletin.

TO COERCE THE GERMANS.

Henry Wolf of Havana, a prominent German-American, writes to the Democrat of that city that the Republicans are furnishing money for the purpose of establishing new German newspapers as rivals to those which will not endorse McKinley's military policy, and are using other and unfair means to force the German speaking citizens into line for the Republican ticket. In concluding his letter, Mr. Wolf says: "When the time comes to cast our ballot we will serve notice that we Germans will not be coerced to sustain a principle contrary to our convictions. We came here to find a republic, and we will guard it with the ballot, that it may so remain, and not become a country of imperialism and military despotism."—Illinois Press Bulletin.

LIKE MCKINLEY.

"Yes, sah," said the porter of the sleeping car. "I keep de train on time. I been on dis train two years and it always been on time. Befo' I come it used to be late two or three times every week. I been like President McKinley, when I am around ebberybody goes right and ebberybody prospers. I ought to keep my job."

The great objection to discontinuing war is the fear that the multitude engaged in fighting and manufacturing war material will be thrown out of a job. This is also the great objection to the destruction of trusts—love of the workman.

President McKinley has "Welcome investigation" woven on his doormat, but somehow or other, when investigation crosses his threshold, it is met by a suppression of the evidence for "reasons of public policy."

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